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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amdt. filed 9/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-18, 20-28, 30-33 and 35-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                      |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                        |
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brett G. Corbly on Thursday, September 29, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 16. A collapsible fishing rod holder for use with a boat comprising:

an accessory support including generally opposed first and second supports and a transverse support ~~for~~ supporting at least one fishing rod receptacle having an aperture for receiving a fishing rod handle, a support region for supporting a fishing rod shaft, and a channel for adjustably attaching said at least one receptacle to said transverse support; and

a base including first and second generally opposed members, and at least one transverse member, said base defining a plane and including a brace positioned in said plane, said brace defining an adjustable aperture adapted for securing said base around a pedestal of a seat on said boat, wherein said brace includes a fastener adapted to engage said pedestal and said accessory support attaches to said base via at least one hinge for movement from a collapsed position to an operational position and said first and second members extend beyond a point of intersection of said accessory support with said base, and said first and second generally opposed members, and said at least

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one transverse member substantially contacts a floor of said boat when said collapsible fishing rod holder is in said operational position.

Claim 18, line 3, replaced "member" with --members--.

Claim 20, line 2, inserted --at least one-- before "fishing rod receptacle".

Claim 21. A fishing accessory apparatus, comprising:

- a base;

- a brace defining an adjustable aperture and including a fastener adapted to engage a structure auxiliary to said fishing accessory apparatus that becomes positioned within said aperture, said brace positioned substantially co-planar with a plane defined by said base; and

- a plurality of accessory stations, each including a ~~at least one~~ fishing rod receptacle including an aperture for receiving a fishing rod handle, a support region for supporting a fishing rod shaft, a channel extending substantially through a thickness of said fishing rod receptacle, and at least one adjustable fastener attaching said receptacle to a transverse support positioned on an accessory support,

- wherein said accessory support collapsibly attaches to said base for movement of said accessory support from a collapsed position to an operational position substantially perpendicular to said base.

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Claim 23, line 1, inserted --wherein said brace-- before "further" and replaced "comprising" with --comprises--

Claim 25. The fishing accessory apparatus of claim 21, wherein said plurality of accessory stations comprise said a plurality of fishing rod receptacles positioned atop said a transverse support on ~~of~~ said accessory support.

Claim 30. A fishing accessory apparatus, comprising:

- a base defining a perimeter;

- a brace defining an adjustable aperture and including a fastener adapted to engage a structure auxiliary to said fishing accessory apparatus that becomes positioned within said aperture, said brace positioned within said perimeter;

- a plurality of accessory stations, each including a ~~at least one~~ fishing rod receptacle including an aperture for receiving a fishing rod handle, a support region for supporting a fishing rod shaft, a channel extending substantially through a thickness of said fishing rod receptacle, and at least one adjustable fastener attaching said receptacle to a transverse support positioned on an accessory support;

- wherein said accessory support collapsibly attaches to said base for movement of said accessory support from a collapsed position to an operational position substantially perpendicular to said base.

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Claim 31. The fishing accessory apparatus of claim 30, wherein said plurality of accessory stations comprise said a plurality of fishing rod receptacles positioned atop said a transverse support on of said accessory support.

Claim 37, line 3, inserted --said-- before "substantially".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darren W. Ark whose telephone number is (571) 272-6885. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on (571) 272-6891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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